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Attorney Docket No. 23800

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MARAIS

Serial No: 09/582,700

Examiner: M. Bumgarner

Filed: August 21, 2000

Art Unit: 3732

For: **AN IRRIGATING MEDIUM FOR ROOT CANALS**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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This is in response to the Official Action dated October 8, 2002. The three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire January 8, 2003. Accordingly, a Petition for Three-Month Extension of time is submitted herewith extending the period for reply to April 8, 2003.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

Please amend the application as follows.